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SUBJECT: VOLSPKR WILLIAM E. GRIFFITH - EVALUATION

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1. PROFESSOR WILLIAM E. GRIFFITH, MIT AND FLETCHER SCHOOL, VOLSPKR, PGM/DF, "U.S. ROLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA," (BONN) AND "HUMAN RIGHTS IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY," (COLOGNE), IN SUPPORT OF GE-04 AND GE-05).

2. QP - E; ED - VG; AR - VG; RO - E; FLC - E.

3. IN ICA-BONN SPONSORED PROGRAMS WITH GERMAN ATLANTIC TREATY ASSOCIATION AND KONRAD ADENAUER FOUNDATION, PROF. GRIFFITH REVIEWED U.S. AFRICAN POLICY FROM KENNEDY TO CARTER. ACCORDING TO GRIFFITH, THE MOTIVATION FOR U.S. POLICY IS (A) TO OPPOSE SOVIET ADVANCES AND (B) ANTI-COLONIALISM. GRIFFITH FEELS STRONGLY UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THERE CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE ANY DIRECT U.S. INTERFERENCE IN AFRICA, THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT AND CANNOT SUPPORT THE WHITE MINORITY AGAINST THE BLACK MAJORITY AND THAT SOVIET INFLUENCE IN AFRICA MUST BE STOPPED BY U.S. POLICY OUTSIDE AFRICA. HE ASKED HIS AUDIENCE TO KEEP IN MIND THAT THE U.S. IS A MULTI-ETHNIC NATION AND THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S AFRICAN POLICY. PROF. GRIFFITH'S BONN AUDIENCES INCLUDED A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT, CHAIRMAN OF THE KONRAD ADENAUER FOUNDATION AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER POLITICAL FOUNDATION, THE PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND OTHER PROMINENT POLITICAL, MILITARY AND ACADEMIC LEADERS.

4. AT MAY 23 PROGRAM SPONSORED BY AMERIKA HAUS COLOGNE, GRIFFITH WAS THE OUTSTANDING PARTICIPANT IN SEVEN-MEMBER PANEL DISCUSSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS FOR AN AUDIENCE OF 120 WHICH INCLUDED ACADEMIC, GOVERNMENT, PROFESSIONAL AND MEDIA LEADERS. GRIFFITH'S VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES WERE TO THE POINT, CONSTRUCTIVE AND IN STRONG SUPPORT OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION

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